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September 9, 2003

Honorable Bryant L Van Brakle Secretary Federal Maritime Commission 800 North Capitol Street, N.W. Washington DC 20573

> RE: Petition of National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for a Limited Exemption from Certain Tariff Requirements of the Shipping Act of 1984

Petition No. 03-P5-03

**Dear Secretary Van Brakle:** 

I am Catherine D. Delaney, President of CSI International, Inc.

We are a customs broker, freight forwarder and NVOCC, OTI license-number 4250. We have two offices in the USA and work with a number of overseas agents on both export and import ocean cargo.

I estimate we incurred the following costs regarding our tariff:

- a) Average of US\$1960 per year to subscribe to a tariff publishing service.
- b) Eight man hours per month maintaining the information,
- c) We do not charge anyone to access our tariff,
- d) We are not able to determine if someone has accessed our tariff but since its inception no one has asked us how to do so.

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I estimate rates are separately negotiated with shippers – as opposed to using those already in our tariff – at more than 98%.

Tariffs are not useful to CSI International, Inc. or to our customers because the rates are constantly in a state of flux, depending on the season and quantity shipped, to name just two factors. With the demands of today's marketplace we can not simply offer a customer a rate that applied even a month previous. We must re-examine the various carriers to determine their current rate levels and quote our customer accordingly. Therefore, an item may be entered into our tariff, never to be used even a second time!

I, Catherine D. Delaney, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Further I certify that I am qualified and authorized to file this verified statement.

Executed on September 9th, 2003

Catherine D. Delanev

